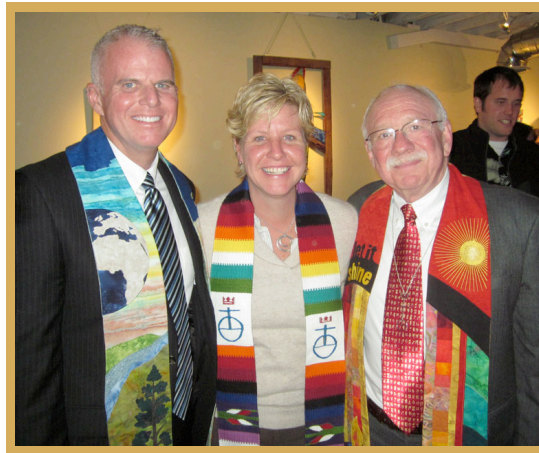


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gathered at the 5:00 pm service of reception, where Conference Minister **Tim Downs** represented the conference and association. We welcomed **Ben Guess**, Executive Minister of Local Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ, as

On November 20, **Kirkwood United Church of Christ** was officially received as a congregation with full standing into the United Church of Christ. About 150 people from across the Georgia-South Carolina Association

preacher and as a participant in the service of reception. The congregation of 50 to 70 serves the Kirkwood neighborhood of Atlanta and beyond. Pastor Susannah Davis says of the church, "We are a church for others, called to serve the community around us. We are a church of welcome to all." The church is a dynamic presence in the Kirkwood Neighborhood and the surrounding community, supporting programs for the hungry, addressing issues of gentrification, and more. The congregation is supporting nine members in discernment for ordained ministry, an incredible commitment to the future leadership of the church.

Pastor Davis serves on the Board of Directors of Local Church Ministries of the UCC, and on the Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference.

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Headlines from the United Church of Christ

UCC justice advocates applaud denial of Keystone pipeline

United Church of Christ and other faith leaders opposed to Keystone XL pipeline proclaimed their support of President Obama's January 18 decision to deny a permit for construction of a 1,700-mile pipeline that would have transported heavy crude oil trapped in tar sands from Alberta, Canada to the Gulf of Mexico for refinement.

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Kirkwood in the Beginning

[Link here to read about Kirkwood's cafe start.](#)

Kirkwood and its outreach into the community.

Kirkwood UCC took on the **Mission:1** challenge with passion, outreach, education and on a dare. They decided to add an extra Soup Saturday

meal during Mission:1, to the church's twice monthly community meal. "It's a chance for us to meet people from our neighborhood."

[Link here to read about the Mission:1 challenge.](#)

Follow this link to the [Kirkwood UCC website](#).

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